

REMARKS

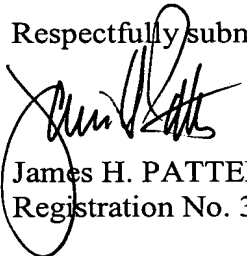
Claims 1-33 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 5-9, 11, 13, 15-28 and 30-32 are amended and new claim 33 has been added.

The amendments to claims 1-33 conform the claims to U.S. practice. No narrowing amendments are intended.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James H. Patterson", is written over a circular stamp. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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